

### REMARKS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities.

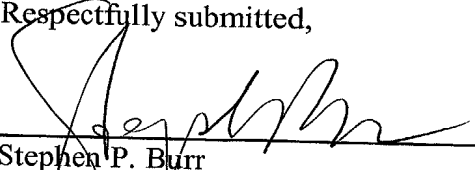
Claims 1-10, and 12-14 are pending herein. Claim 11 has been canceled in favor of new claim 14. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

Attached hereto as pages 5 and 6 is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current Amendment. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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